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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - DECEMBER, 1958.

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole of State at 30th September, 1958 -

Males - 363,511

Females - 345,796

Persons - 709,307

Metropolitan Statistical Division at 30th June, 1958 -

Persons - 382,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	406	369	4,631	4,490
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.96	6.44	7.17	7.09
Births - Number	1,211	1,328	15,347	15,635
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	20.75	23.16	23.77	24.70
Deaths - Number	393	419	5,109	4,888
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.73	7.31	7.91	7.72
Infant )- Number	23	28	318	326
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	18.99	21.08	20.72	20.85
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	-	3	22	30
Malignant neoplasms	65	57	800	759
Diabetes mellitus	3	3	53	63
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	14	13
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	53	52	632	548
Diseases of the heart	127	131	1,686	1,494
Hypertension with heart disease	10	9	149	138
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	1	-	47	57
Arteriosclerosis	8	8	119	130
Influenza	2	3	9	42
Pneumonia	16	15	190	188
Bronchitis	6	3	69	58
Other respiratory diseases	6	9	53	74
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	5	40	38
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	3	27	17
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	1	9	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	1	29	22
Nephritis and nephrosis	4	4	58	64
Disease of the prostate	1	4	42	56
Maternal causes	-	3	8	10
Diseases of early infancy	11	15	179	194
Motor vehicle accidents	20	12	173	140
Other accidents	10	25	140	177
Suicide	10	8	95	90
All other causes	33	44	466	478
Total:	393	419	5,109	4,888

\* Equivalent Annual Rate

\* Deaths under one year.

### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December, 1958, totalled 798,403 acres, a decrease of 135,516 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 4,088,317 acres, a decrease of 1,706,633 acres on the corresponding period of 1957.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,055,831	5,034,294	27,644,585	25,851,183
Revenue per Head of Population	7. 2. 0	7. 4. 0	38. 19. 10	37. 2. 10
Expenditure	5,518,522	5,276,469	31,844,514	29,222,576
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 15. 0	7. 10. 11	44. 18. 4	41. 19. 8

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of December, 1958, amounted to £68,230,617 or £95-14-7 per head of population as against £64,924,188 or £92-14-5 per head at the end of December, 1957.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 31st December, 1958, amounted to £15,668,318 compared with £16,030,107 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No.	1,472	1,524	9,792	10,144
	£.	2,549,015	3,040,286	15,350,057	17,056,523
Mortgages	No.	1,205	1,063	7,597	7,498
	£.	2,368,419	1,765,994	14,578,570	14,900,025
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	820	832	5,601	5,622

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
December, 1958	4,681,847	3,127,786	9,431,259	608,901
December, 1957	3,711,119	2,481,116	9,241,350	557,563
Six Months ended December, 1958	24,567,742	19,169,242	60,586,106	3,528,694
Six Months ended December, 1957	21,603,642	17,253,400	61,582,365	3,254,931

COMPANIES REGISTERED

129 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,675,850 and 63 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 155 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,361,000 and 55 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Six Months ended DECEMBER					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	66	348,089	73,755	52	118,439	53,291
Deeds of Assignment (a)	56	329,955	291,173	57	210,443	194,221
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a)	£.	1,000,500	1,024,900	5,200,100	5,401,800
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,187,017	1,234,002	6,168,517	6,191,360
Train Miles Run	No.	593,986	599,524	3,060,169	3,091,994
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 91,670	(c) 108,405	(d) 474,333	(e) 524,574
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,077,214	1,062,066	6,047,252	5,980,844
Motor Bus	No.	17,390	21,747	110,483	122,209
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		223,168	254,257	1,232,483	1,332,356
Livestock		19,386	14,269	75,970	71,758
Departmental (Free Freight)		59,917	70,652	316,392	277,912
Total:		302,471	339,178	1,624,845	1,682,026
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		37,206,671	39,313,542	206,248,416	220,221,629
Livestock		2,473,722	2,083,543	10,422,821	10,224,455
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,863,817	7,056,806	29,607,203	29,962,618
Total:		44,544,210	48,453,891	246,278,440	260,408,702

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 8th November.

(c) Four weeks ended 9th November.

(d) Nineteen weeks ended 8th November.

(e) Nineteen weeks ended 9th November.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1953	4,460	64	1,805	57	746	8,166	103	4,968	76	1,239
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958 -										
January	372	37	140	-	149	648	67	342	2	192
February	536	70	155	5	125	860	117	399	11	173
March	518	44	155	-	147	875	90	384	-	198
April	577	55	135	2	110	938	112	400	4	157
May	476	48	179	2	82	773	71	400	5	113
June	430	64	138	-	54	742	113	358	3	87
July	439	59	167	2	78	731	98	414	5	124
August	448	57	153	3	79	731	100	369	8	118
September	531	63	175	-	91	844	97	431	2	129
October	533	92	225	-	116	810	145	492	-	168
November	421	86	154	-	122	717	134	355	1	176

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
January	68,295	24,414	587	8,532	107,743	63,908	1,132	12,584
February	68,490	24,379	547	8,552	108,262	64,163	1,171	12,652
March	68,829	24,390	542	8,594	108,966	64,445	1,172	12,745
April	69,320	24,418	547	8,635	109,254	64,327	1,175	12,643
May	69,363	24,427	551	8,622	109,919	64,828	1,185	12,767
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
July	71,265	24,593	555	8,537	110,224	63,113	1,176	12,260
August	71,563	24,644	558	8,568	111,011	63,463	1,184	12,352
September	71,955	24,652	558	8,589	111,942	63,803	1,186	12,441
October	72,721	24,862	552	8,664	112,654	64,016	1,179	12,456
November	72,923	24,881	543	8,677	113,584	64,789	1,172	12,655

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency  
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
Oversea	4,540	3,482	21,862	18,357	6,006	9,998	35,832	44,870
Interstate	7,722	9,356	42,740	41,193	1,602	3,311	13,341	16,884
Total:	12,262	12,838	64,602	59,550	7,608	13,309	49,173	61,754



## BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,825	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,200	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
<b>1958 -</b>										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488
Sept. Qr.	210	601	1,139	3,483	35	422	171	5,200	1,555	9,706

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958 -										
March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849
June Qr.	945	3,174	8	21	470	1,100	1	2	1,424	4,297
Sept. Qr.	821	2,762	11	33	461	1,114	1	1	1,294	3,910

## GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity                      Fine oz.	120,106	116,898	867,188	896,681
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	1,876,657	1,826,530	13,549,788	14,010,636
Dividends reported by				
Gold Mining Companies      £.	666,107	604,375	2,047,201	2,413,386

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	2946	2963	3046	2972	2707	2755	2729	2743
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3160	3232	3214	3205	2617	2670	2625	2653
Northam	3087	3087	3142	3093	2686	2711	2691	2707
Bunbury	3142	3044	3142	3111	2765	2785	2749	2790
Geraldton	3211	3247	3229	3231	2926	2974	2916	2955
Collie	3157	3146	3173	3183	2509	2527	2504	2531

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)  
( '000)

Month	1957			1958		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	138.9	44.2	183.1	139.0	45.3	184.3
February	139.7	45.2	184.9	138.7	45.7	184.4
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.9	182.9	138.0	45.8	183.8
August	138.1	44.9	183.0	138.3	46.1	184.4
September	138.4	45.2	183.6	138.8	46.4	185.2
October	138.7	45.3	184.0	139.2	46.4	185.6
November	139.2	45.8	185.0	139.0	46.7	185.7
December	138.9	46.1	185.0			

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	226	237	241	232	233
February	228	240	241	235	232
March	231	242	240	236	232
April	230	243	239	234	231
May	231	242	238	234	230
June	230	239	235	231	230
July	230	238	231	230	226
August	230	239	230	230	226
September	232	241	233	232	226
October	233	241	233	233	227
November	234	243	233	234	228
December	233	242	232	233	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/10/58	13. 13. 5	8. 17. 9	13. 13. 4	8. 17. 8	13. 11. 6	8. 16. 6

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
November, 1958	11,682	1,561	139,274	11,216	16,590
November, 1957	9,012	750	74,739	79,575	18,721
5 Months ended November, 1958	75,767	3,620	485,580	477,261	84,527
5 Months ended November, 1957	59,953	2,713	285,247	412,302	83,141

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State
1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
1958 -										
January	520	161	162	87	682	248	8	11	218	120
February	438	135	202	81	640	216	3	6	246	112
March	491	181	224	77	715	258	10	11	271	109
April	514	208	193	99	707	307	7	7	229	144
May	656	202	218	85	874	287	4	13	271	125
June	560	191	221	73	781	264	6	5	262	95
July	775	187	240	82	1,015	269	6	7	282	111
August	514	176	184	92	698	268	10	14	221	126
September	517	143	185	73	702	216	7	4	223	113
October *	595	160	176	85	771	245	5	6	212	131
November	465	154	182	80	647	234	4	8	252	121
Total Eleven Months ended November	6,045	1,898	2,187	914	8,232	2,812	70	92	2,687	1,307

\* Figures revised.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	171	427	2,755	2,913
Bricks - Cement	'000	51	55	706	1,068
- Clay	"	7,149	7,004	49,154	54,461
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	87	94	655	798
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,539	2,016	11,968	14,231
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	385	382	2,693	3,814
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	18,283(b)	17,388(b)	95,540(c)	90,483(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Pyjamas, Woven Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,013	885	6,597	4,870
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,149	3,991	31,744	29,855
Sports Coats - Men's	number	212	296	1,641	2,236
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	56	95	403	671
- 2 piece	"	1,499	1,437	8,694	10,204
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	4,665	5,202	30,617	29,943
- Work	"	5,311	6,246	77,499	74,375
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	818	707	3,509	3,571
Butter	"	1,568	1,429	10,556	12,089
Cheese	"	288	205	1,806	1,782
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Coal	ton	65,384	41,807	453,391	437,805
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	72,931	68,778	433,514	413,401
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,754	2,466	16,690	13,862
- Woven Wire	"	550	1,241	11,743	13,062
- Soft Filled	"	2,885	3,012	17,391	18,414
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	26	14	120	60
Sulphuric Acid	ton	10,290	17,948	90,844	102,933
Superphosphate	ton	26,818	50,715	247,826	285,466
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,340	2,520	12,512	13,511

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) November figures, December not available.

(c) Five months ended November.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1957	1958											
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-
Lambs - In Wool	-	4. 0. 7	4. 3. 9	4. 2. 8	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	3.17.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9
Hoggets - In Wool	-	3.13. 3	3.16. 3	3.14. 8	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1
Ewes - In Wool	-	2. 6. 1	2. 7. 5	2. 9. 3	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	2. 2.10	-	-	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1
Wethers - In Wool	-	3. 1.11	3. 6.10	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	3. 1. 7	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>													
Baby Beef	28. 7. 7	28. 7. 1	29. 6. 3	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10
Heifers	32. 5. 0	33. 0. 0	33.10. 4	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	40.12. 8*	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7
Cows	34.18. 0	40.11. 9	40. 9. 2	39.15. 1	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10
Steers	41. 2. 4	43. 1. 6	42.15. 9	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9
Bullocks	44.15.11	43. 4. 0	-	-	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>													
Slips	3. 8. 2	2.18.11	2. 9. 9	2.19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 0.11	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9
Porkers	6.16. 8	7. 1. 0	6.19. 0	7. 5. 6	6.16. 2	7. 6. 8	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9
Baconers	11. 9.10	11. 7. 4	11.14. 9	11.15. 7	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4

\* Revised.



VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(& Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol (d)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.).

(c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1957	1958											
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FRUIT														
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	24. 7	36. 6	35. 5	41. 9	28. 0	21. 2	12.10	13. 3	11.10	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-
- Val.	bush.	21. 9	22. 4	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	*33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 0	1. 3	10	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	58. 7	-	-	18. 5	30.11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6
- Other	bush.	59. 8	31.10	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41.10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	29. 7	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28. 0	43. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42. 2	28. 3
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	*21. 0	28.11	27. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	24.11	20.10	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 3
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19.10	20. 3	17. 3	20. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 4
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	31.11	24.11	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0	29.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	crate /	10. 6	16. 3	11. 6	6. 4	5.10	6.10	7. 0	7. 3	6. 1	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	-	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-
Lettuce	crate	8. 2	8. 2	12. 9	11.10	12.11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9
Table Celery	doz.head	7. 5	9. 4	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5	10.11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9
Beetroot	cwt.	64.11	82. 6	62. 5	33. 2	34.10	26. 1	32.11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11
Carrots	cwt.	19. 8	22. 0	29. 8	37.11	33.10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	27.11
Parsnips	cwt.	27. 8	30. 1	42. 0	50. 2	55.11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	6. 7	4. 3	7.10	5. 2	5. 7	5.11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4
Swedes	cwt.	34. 1	42.10	48. 1	40. 0	28.10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7
Runner Beans	lb.	11	1. 1	9	9	5	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11	8
Peas	lb.	1. 5	1. 9	1.10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1.10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5
Pumpkin	bag	17.11	19. 9	17. 1	15. 6	15. 1	13. 7	12.11	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30.11	56. 8	65. 9
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18.11	19. 3	22. 3	23. 0	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28.11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3
Onions (a)	ton	£. s.d. 31.15.0	£. s.d. 31.15.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. -	£. s.d. -	£. s.d. -	£. s.d. -	£. s.d. 40. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. / 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

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